

# **Record of Council Work Session Minutes** **City of Margaret**

Date: Monday, March 16, 2026  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Place: Margaret City Hall  
Council Work Session

The City Council for the City of Margaret met on Monday, March 16, 2026, for a work session prior to the regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

The work session roll call is as follows:

Councilperson James Chapman – Present  
Councilperson Martrece Bell – Present  
Councilperson Kerry McIntyre  
Councilperson Samantha Davis – Present  
Mayor Pro-Tem Jonathon Ray – Present  
Mayor Matthew Tortorice – Present

A citizen addressed the council about damage to a drainage pipe in the ditch at Duke Street.

Councilperson McIntyre arrived at 6:04pm.

Lt. Josh Davis presented quotes for a new fire truck and presented reasons why an additional truck is imperative to city. Grant funding opportunities have been applied for and MFD will be ALS (Advanced Life Saving) certified by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The work session continued with discussion of council meeting agenda items:

1. Approval of corrected minutes from 1/26 and 2/2 Council meetings
2. Approval of minutes from 2/16 Council meeting
3. Approval of Fire Department updates from 2/16 meeting
4. Vote on Resolution #2026-002 City Hall Adjacent Property
5. Vote on Resolution #2026-005 Water Tower Land Acquisition
6. IT service quotes
7. Forensic Auditor selection
8. Old Acton Road grant funding
9. Alabama Power Streetlights

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The owner of Grass Roots Lawn Care and Landscaping addressed the council about the drainage and sod work that was done after the Brookhaven Drive repairs. He said Massey

Asphalt Paving needs to be held responsible for the shoddy work because it's causing damage to his lawn care equipment, and the drainage is washing his customers' lawns away. The City Engineer has not done the final walk-through since the road work.

The work session adjourned at 6:26pm.

APPROVED:



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Mayor Matthew Tortorice

ATTEST:



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Tabitha Hanner, City Clerk

# RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CITY OF MARGARET

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## ROLL CALL

Councilperson James Chapman – Present  
Councilperson Martrece Bell – Present  
Councilperson Kerry McIntyre – Present  
Councilperson Samantha Davis – Present  
Mayor Pro-Tem Jonathon Ray – Present  
Mayor Matthew Tortorice – Present

The meeting was called to order at 6:27 PM. The invocation was given by Mr. Gene Barker. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Roll Call was taken and is recorded above.

The floor was opened for public comments on the variance request at 457 Hunter's Crossing Road.

William Rutledge spoke in opposition to the variance due to the fact that no progress has been made toward building a home in the past year, and this violates current neighborhood covenants.

Angel Bailey spoke for the variance, stating that other parts of the neighborhood covenants aren't being enforced.

Pam Falbo spoke in favor of granting the variance.

Brian Camp with Lovejoy Realty is for the variance as long as it's strictly enforced and not allowed for more than six more months because of the length of time that has already passed with no construction started.

The property owner, Fred Falbo, stated that the value of the home to be built will be \$700,000 so it will not bring any property values down. And that he hasn't yet pulled permits to start building because the lumber he harvested from the property to use in the building is still curing.

The floor was closed for public comments on the variance.

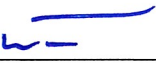
The floor was opened for public comments on Ordinance #2026-005: Firearms Discharge in the City Limits. No public comments were made. The floor was closed for public comments.

Councilperson Davis made a motion to approve the Variance for Hunter's Crossing Road. Councilperson Chapman seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – NO, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – NO, Tortorice – yes. Variance approved.

Councilperson Chapman made a motion to approve Ordinance #2026-005: Firearms Discharge in the City Limits. Councilperson Davis seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Chapman seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – no. Meeting adjourned.

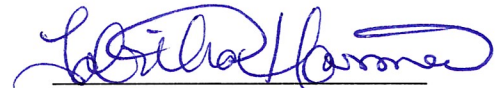
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